

Fw: Semiquincentennial meeting July 14, 2024

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Special Meeting July 14, 2025
Wallingford Celebrates America 250

The Committee met at The Inn at Choate Rosemary Hall. Those in attendance were Alison Cady, Tara Knapp, Liz Landow, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Renee Miller, Bob Beaumont. and Roz Gallagher. Absent were Bob Devaney and Shawn Keogh.

Alison gave a report on the Liberty Trees. It was agreed that this was not a project for us to pursue because of cost, size of the tree, the lack of a place for it to be planted, and ongoing maintenance.

Roz reported that there is an intern in the Town Law Department interested in helping our Committee with Minutes, posting Meeting Notices, and Agendas. The Committee agreed we should try to take advantage of this opportunity.

Roz gave a brief recap of the meeting with the Town Council on July 8, 2025. The Town Council approved a separate line item under Grants for our Committee's operations. All income and expenses for our event will be entered under this line item. Expenses will be paid by the Finance Department after proper documentation has been submitted and approved.

Roz reported that she had been contacted by an individual who suggested renaming a street location or designated location in honor of Lyman Hall who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence as part of the Town celebration. The Committee will take this under advisement and discuss it at a future date.

Roz shared the version of the State Proclamation the State Committee would like every town to sign on to. Roz will sign Wallingford onto the State Proclamation.

Roz reported that she had been contacted by the Town Comptroller that donations can be tax deductible as long as the donor does not receive any direct benefit. If necessary a receipt can be obtained from the Town.

Alison reported that Choate Rosemary Hall will be our second Red, White, and Blue \$5000.00 donor. Our first was Gaylord Specialty Healthcare. To date we have \$10,000.00 pledged. Our minimum goal is \$40,000.00. It was agreed that we will try to do sponsorship and donor solicitation during the window of August 1 - 31, 2025.

Roz reported that Risk Management replied that bounce houses are not allowed. Liability insurance naming the Town of Wallingford as an insured is also required from the provider if we decide to have hayrides, pony rides, etc.

Renee reported she would be meeting with the Parade sub committee later in the day. She will prepare a preliminary flyer and forward it to everyone for review. Don Crouch from Economic Development is interested in helping with the Parade.

It was agreed that Wallingford Celebrates America's 250th will take place rain or shine...with thunder and lightning as the exceptions.

It was agreed that we will make our official announcement on August 20, 2025 of Wallingford Celebrates America 250. It will be at the Royce House. Roz and Bob will prepare the program.

Liz will invite Mark Vogt and Rob Fritz to the next meeting to talk about Porchfest and the Art Show.

Jerry and Alison will work with the library regarding an America 250 time line on its website, the Witness Stone Project, and a summer reading program with information pertinent to Maerica 250.

Bob Beaumont suggested contacting Rajan Doering (Board of Education member about distributing America 250 information during the Spring of 2026 throughout the school system in anticipation of our celebration June 20 and 21, 2026.

A suggestion was made to meet with Shawn Keogh from Parks and Recreation and Sean Doherty from the Y.M.C.A. in August to begin plans for Family Day activities and the Red, White, and You Parade for Children.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Le Jardin.

Hope everyone has a good weekend and as always thank you for your support.

Roz